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ONLY THE RECORD COUNTS.

The take-it-straight-if-it-poisons-you faction insists that Aylett must be all right because the party managers and the good men on the same ticket endorse him.

The latter also endorsed Shaw and they now endorse Mahelona. It is not so long since all hands endorsed Eddy Boyd, Jimmy Boyd, the Wrights, Clark and all the rest of the scurvy crew, not because they believed in them or respected them but because such endorsements are "regular." A party manager must stand by his own ticket; a nominee must either advocate the straight ticket or expose his own name to the fatal scratch; but the good citizen or taxpayer remains at liberty to vote against bad men and vote in favor of good ones. But for him the parties, in the hands of politicians who care more for winning the election than they do for the personnel of the ticket, would soon become the most effective agents of misrule.

Furthermore the good citizen knows a thing or two about the legislative tickets and does not need, in sizing up a candidate he is acquainted with, to consult endorsements. He is aware, for example, that William Aylett is no more qualified to make laws than he is to teach school and that, in a mainland legislature, he would merely be a casual spectator. Finally he knows that in the Legislature of 1902, Aylett was a member of a dangerous combine headed by the notorious Kumalea; and that he held party pledges so lightly that he gave formal notice in the midst of the session of his leaving the party that elected him. The Advertiser, for one, was glad to see him go, and mindful of the good name of Hawaiian Republicans it was sorry to see him come back. The place for such a man as Aylett is in the Home Rule party, getting his endorsements from the embezzlers who appreciated him so well two years ago.

The Russians claim to have driven the Japanese out of several villages and they plume themselves accordingly. To realize the magnitude of this work it should be understood that the Japanese, when on an active campaign, occupy every rural hamlet for miles around the main force, sending a squad or a company or sometimes a battalion to each. These small forces are the eyes of the army. They watch the roads, scan the country from hilltops, look out for spies, beat off small detachments of the enemy and even attack large bodies. In the war of 1894-5 a party of forty Japanese in a stone village suddenly found itself enveloped by a retreating Chinese division 10,000 strong. The Japanese could have kept out of sight but instead they opened fire and maintained the unequal battle for half an hour, convincing the Chinese that they were a much stronger body and turning the retreat in another direction. Possibly the forces driven out of the villages by the Russians were not a thousand strong, all told. In any event they must have been mere detachments, the defeat of whom could have had no military significance however much it may have "saved the face" of the Czar's soldiery in the dispatches.

Russians say that the Japanese General will meet the fate of Genghis Khan. History shows that Genghis was not whipped until he met all Europe on the banks of the Dnieper and that in the meantime he overran Asia and caused the death of 5,000,000 people. Nor was his dominion in Asia ever taken from him, except by death, for Europe knew better than to follow him into his Mongol fastnesses. If the Japanese commanders make half the conquest that Genghis did, it will be all up with Russian prestige.

The Volcano road must have repairs if the volcano is to remain a tourist asset. While the Advertiser opposed the Jimmy Boyd scheme three years ago to expend from \$35,000 to \$50,000 on the highway it recognizes the fact that the time has come to lay out a reasonable part of that sum in making the road passable. A thing particularly needed is a substantial system of storm gutters carrying off water, wherever possible, into the sinks and crevices along the way.

All the same William Aylett will be elected.—Star.

If he is, with good citizens running against him, it will speak badly for the political morals of the Fourth District.

Don't let anybody give you poison just because he has got the diploma of a "regular" practitioner. Don't be a sucker.

It was lucky for Napoleon Bonaparte that he never had to fight a disciplined Japanese army.

THE FARM AND THE FUTURE.

The favorable report on tobacco made by Director Jared Smith of the U. S. Experiment Station here encourages all who are working and hoping for diversified industries. There is a special value to the small farming cause in a crop which most American farmers, especially those of the East and South understand. They may blink at such unfamiliar products as cocoa, vanilla, sisal and pineapples, but they are not afraid of a plant which is a staple all the way from Connecticut to Porto Rico and from Missouri to the Carolinas, and on both shores of the Pacific as well. They know tobacco and if they find that it does well here in a country of perpetual summer, there ought to be little difficulty in getting them to take up land and cultivate it.

What a great and prosperous Hawaii we might have if the soil were made to work to its limit for the people. What a magnificent area of taxable property might be made to contribute to the financial needs of the Territory without burdening any one man too heavily. Where there are waste forest uplands, below the reservation, tobacco, vanilla, wine grapes, pineapples, bananas and a score of garden products could be made to flourish; the same products with a great variety, of fruits added to them would do well on the foothills; the semi-arid localities could produce sisal. Tobacco and hemp in bales, wine in barrels, pineapples in cans, bananas in bunches, guava jelly in glass, all these products should appear, year after year, with a steadily growing magnitude of bulk, among Hawaii's commercial exports. Sugar is the crop for rich men—for corporations and their stockholders—and for the support of industries dependant on it, but tobacco, vanilla, sisal, cocoa, rubber, pineapples, bananas and the like—these are crops for the middle-class farmer, the bone and sinew of American life and the chief producer of wealth the world over. Taken together, sugar for the great farming and a dozen staple products, with dairy stuff, poultry, hogs, honey and the like added, and all made the most of—and Hawaii would bear no more of hard times. Indeed it would become a veritable Garden of the Lord.

The money to be spent on an army at Wailuku might better go into the improvement of Maui roads. The militia company on the Valley Island is not worth five cents to the taxpayers and never will be; and the same is measurably true of the whole militia establishment. Before long the Federal government will take such complete military charge of the group as to warrant us in disbanding the citizen soldiers altogether. When that time comes the money put into Territorial armories will have been wasted indeed. What possible interest could be harmed by withholding it now and letting the opera bouffe regiment prepare itself for a peaceful dissolution—which is the only dissolution, by the way, that need ever be expected of it.

The estimates for labor on the Panama canal have been reduced from 40,000 men to 4000. This is due to the improvements made since De Lesseps' time in labor-saving machinery. Excavations are now made by steam, water, dynamite and electricity, not by the man with pick and shovel and his little charge of giant powder. The discovery has also come that it will cost no more to have a canal forty feet deep than it will one of thirty-five. As steamships are all the time requiring more draft, the wisdom of making the canal as deep as possible for the money in hand, is clear.

It seems a pity that the St. Louis fair is to come to an end just as the nation has begun to appreciate it. Why could it not be carried over into next year? The buildings are there and the exhibits in them can be easily and carefully guarded. Doubtless in the comparatively mild climate of St. Louis there would be a steady income from winter admissions. By another summer's run, "with added attractions" as the showbills say, the fair might find it possible to come out even.

Despite the fact that the trades have been generally light, the mosquitoes are becoming fewer. Hard work on the part of Inspector Hall and wise cooperation by the public are doing wonders and the time seems near when the mosquito will be a negligible quantity. The filling up of the McCully flats would go a long way to abolish what is left of the insect pest but even without that, much will be achieved.

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KEYNOTE ADDRESS

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Territory in his efforts to promote the public weal; but it certainly believes that "in the multitude of counsel there is wisdom" and it will therefore insist on the restriction of the powers of the executive within their lawful province. One thing to be borne in mind in considering the platforms of the political parties interested in the present campaign is this: "The best intentions are good for nothing until execution has justified them." It is an easy matter for a candidate to make promises to his constituents and another thing for him to fulfill them. It is for this reason that I do not propose to commit myself to any rash promises. The integrity of the men on the tickets should be scrutinized and proper consideration given to the question as to whether they are of the caliber likely to favor legislation for the masses instead of legislation for the masses. Unless we are prepared to do our duty to those we represent we cannot expect them to do their duty to us, and if we are to stand for the government of the people by the people and for the people, we cannot consistently favor any measure that looks solely in the direction of personal advantage. I make no pretense at being a professional politician, but being a resident of this community for over twenty years and having been identified during that time with its interests I have watched with close attention and sometimes with great apprehension the administration of public affairs, and I have seen the wheels of the government clogged by the personal greed of those who had pledged themselves to conserve the public weal, and I come before you in this campaign with the pledge that I will do the best with the hand I have for the common interests of the community—that I will have the spirit to do anything that appears not foul in the truth of my spirit—and though conscious of the methods employed to impugn the motives of an individual who essays to appear in public life, I am prepared to let the dogs bark and pass on.

Who Langston Is.

James Frye Langston was born at Knob Noster, Missouri. He graduated from the State Normal School in the class of 1889 and afterwards taught school for two years. He then removed to Colorado and Montana, engaging in the business of a contractor and millwright. When the Spanish-American war broke out he was employed by the United States government as a draftsman in the Engineer Corps of the army and served in Utah, California and Honolulu during the war. During this time he was promoted twice and received an honorable discharge with a clean record, not having a mark against him in all his service. Since residing in Honolulu he has engaged in the business of a contractor with the firm of McDonald & Langston.

Pin Prick Led to Victory.

Nelson gained his great victory of the Nile through a pin prick. It came about in this way: Sir John Acton, then Commander-in-Chief of the land and sea forces of Naples, happened to be in his wife's dressing room at the moment she was preparing for dinner.

Lady Acton's French maid was also in the room, and was so startled at receiving a letter from her brother, a sailor in the French navy, whom she believed to be dead, that she ran a pin into her mistress's flesh.

Apologizing for her carelessness, the maid stated the cause of her surprise. With carefully suppressed eagerness Sir John offered to read the letter while the maid continued her duties. The maid gladly consented.

Having read the letter, the Commander-in-Chief left the house in search of Lord Nelson, who had in vain been seeking the French fleet. He found him and imparted to him the contents of the letter.

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